

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 730

By Yager

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Mary Ann Duncan upon being named a Super Senior by the *Morgan County News*.

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee relies upon the knowledge, strength, and energy of our senior citizens who enrich our families with their love and guidance, serve as neighbors who support our community, and remind us that kindness and patience always prevail; and

WHEREAS, all senior citizens, whether actively involved in business and community affairs or quietly devoted to their families and neighbors, deserve our gratitude and respect, as they have shared with us the acquired wisdom of the ages and have shown us the meaning of integrity; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of our State's senior citizens and the many contributions they have made to our society, the *Morgan County News* staff has nominated three Super Seniors in Morgan County, paying tribute to an outstanding group of Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Duncan is one such estimable individual who was recently named a Super Senior; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Duncan graciously donates her time and energies as a culinary aide at the Morgan County Headstart, where she has worked in various capacities for the last forty-four years, including program center teacher, teacher aide, home base visitor, bus driver, bus monitor, and family service aide; and

WHEREAS, born in the Joyner community, Mary Ann Duncan grew up on her family's farm, where she developed a strong work ethic and a passion for serving others; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to the local school system, she attended Joyner School through eighth grade, attended Oakdale High School for three years, and graduated from Coalfield High School in 1945; and

WHEREAS, upon graduation, Mrs. Duncan began teaching third, fourth, and fifth grades at her former grammar school, continuing her education at night; and

WHEREAS, throughout her life, Mary Ann Duncan has gained experience in a number of fields, serving as a substitute teacher at Jacksboro High School in Caryville, working as a waitress and cashier at Eddie's Restaurant in Reading, Ohio, and babysitting children at Camp LeJune in North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong learner and active worker, she holds a commercial driver's license, completed training to become an accredited Child Development Associate, and has sold Avon products for over forty years, in addition to her duties at Morgan County Headstart; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and devout member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, to which she has belonged for sixty-six years and where she has taught nursery Sunday School classes for twenty years and helped in Bible School for a number of years; and

WHEREAS, Mary Ann Duncan has enjoyed many years with her husband, B.D Duncan, and their blessed union has produced one daughter, Linda Jeannine and her husband, Keith Ellison; four grandchildren, Michelle Ann Ellison, Jasper Duane Ellison, Amanda Lynette Ellison, and Heather Dawn Ellison and her husband, Daniel Borum; and one great-grandson, Bryson Borum; and

WHEREAS, her devotion to her community is an inspiration to her daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, who have all pursued paths of service in their own lives; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens are part of a timeless generation which serves as a treasured link to a community's history and traditions, and their positive contributions of courage, hard work, and unwavering devotion to family and community are immeasurable; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize Tennessee's senior citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

CONCURRING, that we hereby join with the *Morgan County News* staff in honoring and commending Mary Ann Duncan upon being recognized as a Super Senior, thank Mrs. Duncan for her tireless devotion to serving the good people of Morgan County, and extend to her our best wishes for every continued success in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.